BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-621-C - ORDER NO. 92-1026

DECEMBER 4, 1992

IN RE: Application of American Teletronics) ORDER DENYING
Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate) REQUEST FOR
of Public Convenience and Necessity) EX PARTE
to operate as a Nonfacilities Based) CONSIDERATION
Reseller of Interexchange Long Distance Telecommunications Services Within the State of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on American Teletronics Long Distance, Inc.'s (Applicant's) request that its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be considered by the Commission on an exparte basis. The Commission's Rules and Regulations governing the practice and procedure before it require a public hearing on an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. 26 S.C. Ann Reg. 103-821(C)(3)(1976). Accordingly, the Applicant's request for its Application to be considered exparte is denied.

In addition, the Applicant has filed a request for interim authority pending a decision on its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280 (1976) provides that "[n]o telephone utility shall begin the construction or operation of any telephone utility plant or system...without first obtaining from the Commission a certificate

that public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction or operation." This Commission is unaware of any statutory authority which would allow it to waive the provisions of Section 58-9-280. Consequently, the Commission denies the Applicant's request for interim authority.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)